

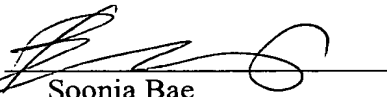
REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the above-identified amendments, which conform the claims to U.S. practice. In the claim amendments, claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 15, 17, 19, 24, 27, 30, 34 and 35 have been amended. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the specification and the original claims.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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